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There have been large-scale desertions of Lactian troops from Southern Lacs into Cambodia. On approximately 26 March, remnants were seen fleeing and looting south through Bo Kheo.

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Comment. have been some desertions. The Viet Minh invasion of Cambodia is in the same general area where the Viet Minh forces are attacking in a force of one or two battalions. It is believed that the Viet Minh, in this maneuver, is trying to cut the French route into Laos, although it is possible that it is trying to gain land prior to the Geneva Conference so that it can bargain for Cambodian territory.